(a) whether it is a fact that there is a subject quota system for selecting candidates at the Civil Services Preliminary Examination conducted by U.P.S.C.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the U.P.S.C. is not communicating to candidates the marks obtained by them in the Preliminary Examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination is meant to serve as a screening test only; the marks obtained by a candidates in the Preliminary Examination are not counted for determining their position in the merit list. Hence no mark-sheets are supplied to the candidates.

Cut in allocation of funds under the Rural Development Programme

514. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any cut in the funds allocation under Rural Development Programmes during 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allotted under the different heads of the Programmes during 1991-92 and for 1992-93 Statewise and the amount released in the current year, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c): Annexure showing State-wise allocation and release of funds under important Centrally sponsored rural development programmes in 1991-92 is enclosed [*See* Appendix CLXIII, Annexure No. 7]. State-wise allocation of funds for the year 1992-93 is yet to be finalised. But a sum of Rs. 1177.67 crores has been released to the State Governments in 1992-93 so far under different Centrally Sponsored Schemes of rural development.

Public Sources of Water for Villages

515. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages (statewise) without a single public source of water at the beginning and at the end of the Seventh Plan;

(b) what is the financial provision made and utilised for providing safe drinking water to villagers;

(c) how many villages are still without public sources of water;

(d) targets fixed for 1991-92 and 1992-93 alongwith funds allotted for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The information is given in the statement enclosed. [*See* below]

(b) Safe Drinking Water facilities are provided in rural areas under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme, Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and Mini Mission districts under National Drinking Water Mission. The following financial provision was made and utilised for providing safe drinking water in 1,53,357 problem villages and 98074 partially covered villages during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period: